

Docket No.: 0941-0916P

Application No. 10/779,777
Amendment dated April 26, 2006
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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 20 and 21 are now present in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended and claims 7 and 9-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Ueda, U.S. Publication 2001/0048259. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers claims 3, 4 and 7 to contain allowable subject matter, and claims 20 and 21 to be allowable. Without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but simple to expedite prosecution of this application, it is noted that the limitations of objected-to but allowable claim 7 have been incorporated into independent claim 1. It is also noted that non-elected claims 9-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, all remaining claims in this application should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 103 rejection are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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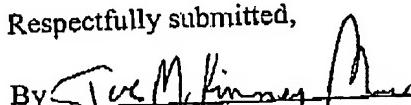
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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